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c. 1885

John William Webster House
Dames Quarter
private

The John William Webster house is a modest two-story, two-bay frame house estimated to date to the late years of the nineteenth century. Construction of the side hall/parlor dwelling is credited to John William and Mary Ann Elizabeth Young Webster during their ownership of the lot. Mary Ann, called Annie in the land records, purchased the property in 1884, and the couple presumably erected the house during the following few years. The rear service wing follows the traditional stepped form with a short, single story hyphen and a slightly taller one-room kitchen. Standing next to the kitchen is a stilted dairy. In more recent years the house was occupied by Oliver O. and Minnie J. Webster who purchased the property in 1912.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Oliver C. Webster House, John William Webster House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hideaway Lane ___ not for publicationcity, town Dames Quarter ___ vicinity of congressional district Firststate Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ ^x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ ^x building(s)	___ ^x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ ^x private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ ^x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liberstreet & number Somerset County Courthouse foliocity, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Oliver O. Webster house description

The Oliver O. Webster house stands in the community of Dames Quarter off Hodson White Road. The two-story frame house faces southwest with the principal gable oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Supported by a brick pier foundation, the c. ¹⁸⁸⁵~~1880~~ side hall/parlor frame house is sheathed with asbestos shingles and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the rear elevation is a single-story two-bay hyphen that connects the slightly taller single-story kitchen. Accompanying the house is a stilted frame dairy and a chicken house.

The southwest (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a four-panel door in the norht bay and an adjacent two-over-two sash window to the south. The second floor is lighted by two evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The steeply pitched roof has exposed rafter feet, and, small Victorian brackets decorate the lower outside corners.

The northeast (rear) elevation is partially covered by a single-story two-bay hyphen covered with wood shingles. The south side of the hyphen is pierced by a four-panel door and an adjacent two-over-two sash window. The north side is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. Like the house the rafter feet of the medium pitched roof are exposed.

The connected kitchen is a slightly taller single-story, one room plan structure extended to the northwest by a shed addition. The kitchen is sheathed with wood shingles and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The rafter feet are exposed. A brick stove stack formerly rose against the northeast gable end, and the southeast side is pierced by a two-over-two sash window.

The stilted dairy stands immediately south of the kitchen. Four square posts support a weatherboarded box covered by a shed roof. The front of the dairy is pierced by a board door, and the lateral sides are pierced by louvered openings. The interior is fitted with shelves.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Oliver O. Webster house is a turn of the century side hall/parlor frame house located in the water-oriented community of Dames Quarter. The modest two-bay house is trimmed with simple eave brackets. Attached to the main block is a stepped service wing with a single-story hyphen and one-room kitchen. The stilted dairy is one of a few to survive on county properties.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Deal Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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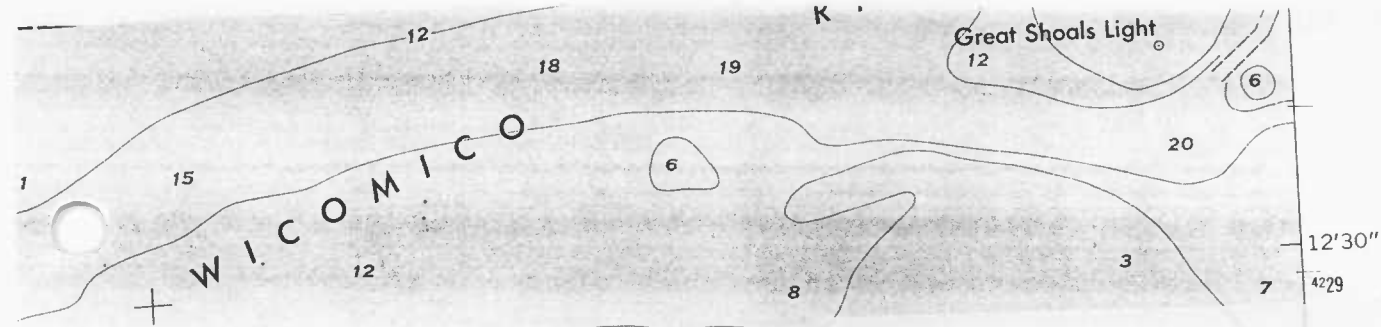
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state Md. 21853

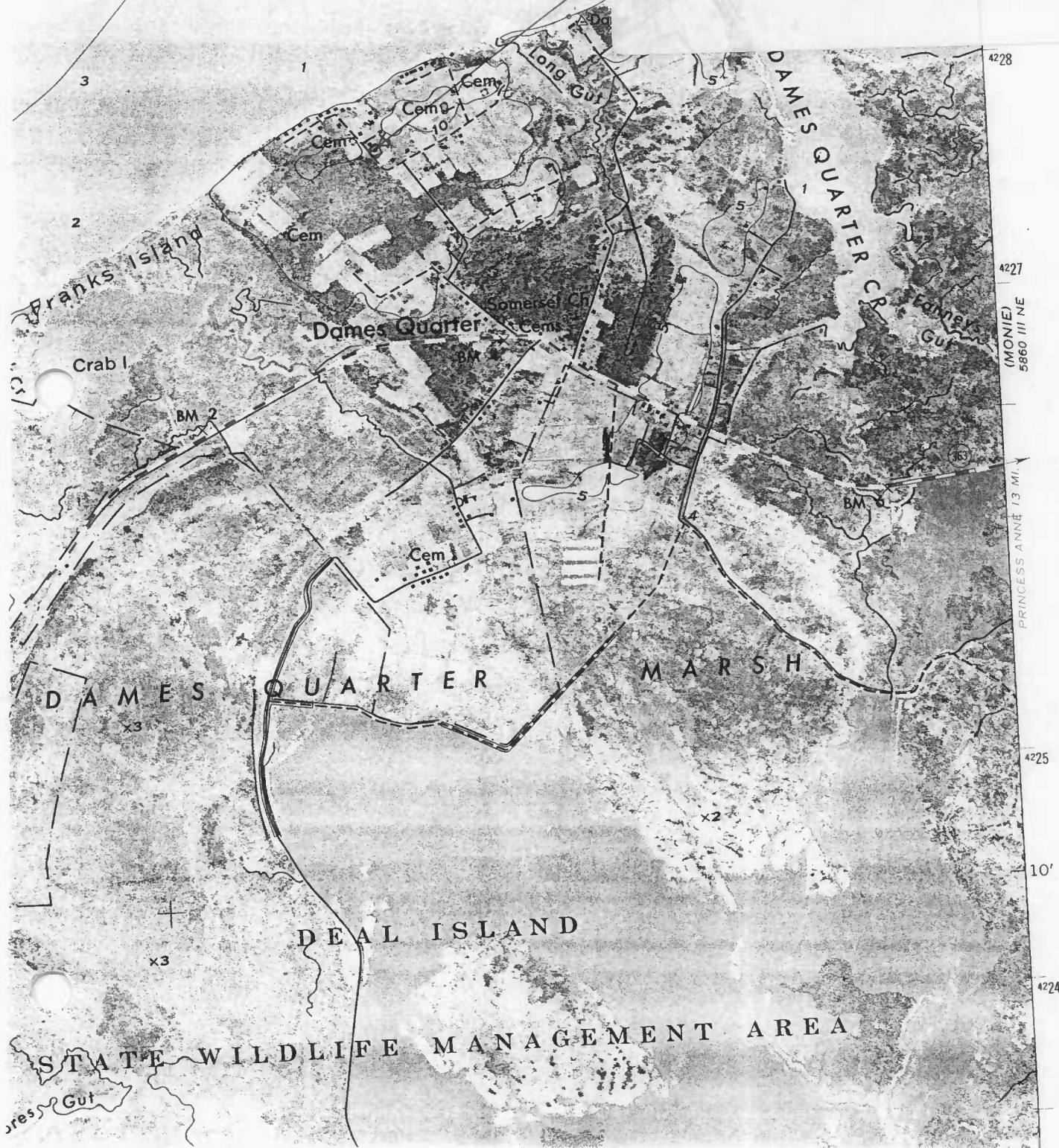
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Oliver O. Webster House
Deal Island, Maryland Quadrangle
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Oliver O. Webster House

Dames Quarter, Somerset County, MD

Stilted dairy, south elevation

6/86 Paul Touart photographer

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Oliver O. Webster House

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East elevation of kitchen

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